

Guiding Principles, Evaluation & Engagement Approach

Presentation to PTAC on June 6, 2023



Meeting Outline

- Introductions (if anyone new to the group)
- Where we are in the planning process
- Proposed guiding principles
- Proposed evaluation approach for strategies
- Consultation approach
- Next steps



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Plan Process Overview

 Updating a solid waste management plan (SWMP) involves a four-step process





Proposed Guiding Principles



- All eight of the Ministry's guiding principles were adopted in principle
- PTAC wanted to add language to better reflect the region's vision to seek local recycling and waste solutions, support local jobs, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts and increase the region's climate resilience



Proposed Guiding Principles



- 1. Engage with the community about waste reduction through education and outreach
- 2. Focus on the first 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)
- 3. Maximize beneficial use of waste materials, such as turning food waste into compost
- 4. Support polluter-pay approaches for fees instead of tax increases
- 5. Prevent organics and recyclables from going in the garbage
- 6. Develop collaborative partnerships with interested parties to achieve waste diversion targets
- 7. Explore options that promote cost-effective waste management on the Sunshine Coast
- 8. Minimize environmental impacts through reducing GHG emissions from the landfill and promoting proper disposal
- 9. Establish a more equitable playing field for waste disposal across the region



1. Engage with the community about waste reduction through education and outreach

- Promote waste reduction to help minimize waste generation and enable the sustainable use and reuse of products and materials





2.Focus on the first 3 Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle)

 Emphasize the importance of waste prevention and diversion (recycling and organics diversion)





3. Maximize beneficial use of waste materials, such as turning food waste into compost

 Maximize beneficial use of waste materials through local solutions, if possible



4. Support polluter-pay approaches for fees instead of tax increases

 Operate a system of cost recovery through the provision of user-fees and enforcement of disposal bans







5. Prevent organics and recyclables from going in the garbage

 Discourage organics and recyclables from going into the garbage to reduce landfill-generated greenhouse gases





6. Develop collaborative partnerships with interested parties to achieve waste diversion targets

- Collaborate with interested parties, wherever it makes sense
- Identify opportunities to improve partnerships with system users to achieve regional targets





7. Explore options that promote cost-effective waste management on the Sunshine Coast

Find cost-effective solutions (e.g., improving operational efficiency)







8. Minimize environmental impacts through reducing GHG emissions from the landfill and promoting proper disposal

 Manage all waste materials using best practices to limit GHG emissions and protect the environment





9. Establish a more equitable playing field for waste disposal across the region

 Make sure waste management facilities within a given region are subject to similar requirements. This can be done through regulations







 Vision, goals & guiding principles

Questions:

Do these reflect local needs and priorities?



Proposed Approach for Evaluating Strategies





Consultation Approach

- A Communication & Engagement Plan identifies the overall approach to engagement
- Two or three public engagement periods





Engagement Period 1 - Feedback form

- Which facilities and services do you use regularly?
- Help to prioritize the principles guiding
- What else should we consider while updating the Solid Waste Management Plan?



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Future Public Engagement Periods

Engagement period 2:

Consult on long-term waste disposal options (e.g., a new landfill or waste export)

Engagement period 3: Consult on draft Plan. It will incorporate feedback received in the first two engagement periods





Overview - Issues & Opportunities



Next Steps

Future topics

- Feedback from the public (Emailed Memo in July-Aug)
- Waste Prevention & Diversion Strategy Options (Fall 2023)
- Disposal options and system financing (2023/24)
- Draft SWMP (2024)





Questions? Comments?



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